

08/13/99
Jc430 U.S. PTO

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐ +

PTO/SB/05 (4/98)
Approved for use through 09/30/2000. OMB 0651-0032
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. Y0999-276 (8728-299)
First Inventor or Application Identifier Coffman et al.
Title Method and System for Determining...
Express Mail Label No. EL192803851US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 34]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the invention
 - Brief Summary of the invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 - ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
 - ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

* NOTE FOR ITEMS 1 & 13: IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO PAY SMALL ENTITY FEES, A SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT IS REQUIRED (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), EXCEPT IF ONE FILED IN A PRIOR APPLICATION IS RELIED UPON (37 C.F.R. § 1.29).

ADDRESS TO:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, DC 20231

- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
- ☐ * Small Entity Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired
(PTO/SB/09-12)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- ☒ Other: Associate Power of Attorney

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: _____
Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group / Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

☐ Customer Number or Bar Code Label (Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here) or ☐ Correspondence address below

Name	James J. Bitetto					
Address	F. Chau & Associates, LLP 1900 Hempstead Turnpike, Suite 501					
City	East Meadow	State	New York	Zip Code	11554	
Country	USA	Telephone	(516) 357-0091	Fax	(516) 357-0092	

Name (Print/Type)	James J. Bitetto	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	40,513
Signature	<i>James J. Bitetto</i>	Date	8/13/99

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. YO999-276 (8728-299)
Date: August 13, 1999
Express Mail Label: EL192803851US
Date of Deposit: August 13, 1999

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Daniel L. Coffman, Popani Gopalakrishnan, Ganesh N. Ramaswamy, Jan Kleindienst

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING AND MAINTAINING DIALOG FOCUS IN A CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH SYSTEM

Enclosed are: [X] 25 sheets of specification; [X] 1 sheet(s) of Abstract; [X] 8 sheet(s) of claims; [X] 4 sheet(s) of drawing(s);

- [] An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation with Recordation Form.
[] Declaration and Power of Attorney.
[] A certified copy of a _____ application, from which priority under Title 35 USC §119 is claimed.
[X] Associate Power of Attorney.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	25-20 =	5
INDEP CLAIMS	3-3 =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

OTHER THAN A
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$760.00
X \$18 =	\$ 90.00
X \$78 =	\$.00
+ 260 =	
TOTAL	\$850.00

If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.

- [] Checks in the amount of \$____ and \$____ to cover the filing fee(s) and recording fee are enclosed.
[X] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0510/IBM (Yorktown Heights) in the amount of \$850.00.
[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510/IBM (Yorktown Heights). **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
[X] Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
[X] Any patent application processing fees under 35 CFR 1.17.

**Please address all
correspondence to:**

F. CHAU & ASSOCIATES, LLP
1900 Hempstead Turnpike, Suite 501
East Meadow, NY 11554
Tel: (516) 357-0091
Fax: (516) 357-0092

Respectfully submitted,
By: James J. Bitetto
James J. Bitetto
Registration No. 40,513
Attorney for:
IBM Corporation
Intellectual Property Law Dept.
P.O. Box 218
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this Application transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date August 13, 1999 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL192803851US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.

James J. Bitetto
James J. Bitetto

FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 1999

*Patent fees are subject to annual revision.
Small Entity payments must be supported by a small entity statement,
otherwise large entity fees must be paid. See Forms PTO/SB/09-12.*

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 850000

Complete if Known

Application Number
Filing Date August 13, 1999
First Named Inventor Coffman et al.
Examiner Name
Group / Art Unit
Attorney Docket No. Y0999-276 (8728-299)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account Number 50-0510/IBM
Deposit Account Name IBM/Yorktown Heights

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 760	201 380	Utility filing fee	760
106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 760	208 380	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 760

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
25	-20** = 5	18	90
3	-3** = 0	78	0
		260	

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 90.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,380	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	
120 300	220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 430	243 215	Design issue fee	
144 580	244 290	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 760	246 380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149 760	249 380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

Other fee (specify) _____

Other fee (specify) _____

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 0

SUBMITTED BY

Typed or Printed Name James J. Bitetto

Signature

James J. Bitetto

Date

8/13/99

Complete (if applicable)

Reg. Number 40,513

Deposit Account User ID

50-0510/IBM

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.